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SYDNEY TO TAKE OVER LION EATS TAMER



Hakoah's Bobby Smith, watched by Hilton Silva, in action against Brisbane Lions last Sunday. Lions won 3-1, causing the upset of the round.

The upsets and shock results of the Philips League continued last Sunday: after a mere two rounds, only Marconi have an intact record and all 14 teams managed to get at least one point.

Sydney's forecast dominance is beginning to take shape: four of the first six places are occupied by teams from the Harbor city.

However, the week's glory belonged elsewhere. Just as the first round produced a complete Melbourne triumph, last weekend it was the turn of the two Brisbane teams, both winning their games — Lions against the 1977 champions Hakoah, in Sydney.

Amazingly, the home ground advantage so far has been more of a handicap: of the 14 matches played, only three were won by the home sides and seven by the visitors.

This week Marconi's immense strength will be put to the test against Footscray in Melbourne.

Wat kiss triumph

Sydney soccer's grand old man, John Watkiss, in his 21st season in top soccer, chalked up yet another triumph last Sunday.

As player-coach of a young Sutherland team, Watkiss, ageless, led his charges to winning the 1978 Ampol Cup — the club's first major success in senior soccer.

Despite the rival attractions of three PSL matches, the final drew a crowd of about 6000 at Garside Park — only slightly less than the three Sydney PSL matches.

All of which goes to show, once again, that teams can have a healthy support in a lower division — and can draw miserably even at national level.

• Full Ampol Cup details inside.



Graham Honeyman

Brisbane:

Having weathered a double coaching crisis, the teams from Joh's own state have bounced back with a vengeance.

The Lion's share last week was formidable: the scalp of 1977 champions Hakoah who, in front of a pathetically small "crowd", really got mauled up badly.

Lions have appointed Julius Vincze as their new coach and the former Hungarian-born star player should soon repay the club's faith in him.

Brisbane City's new broom Denis Ford also seems to have turned the corner with his new charges and it wouldn't surprise if they continued to climb on the ladder.



Bertie Lutton

Adelaide:

Even Premier Don Dunstan couldn't deny any longer that something is wrong with Adelaide — at least on the soccer front.

Last year's two glamor teams have yet to win a match and, so far, have managed to win only two points out of the possible eight, with two draws in Canberra — having both suffered home defeats.

The PSL's boom city is experiencing some sort of a crisis and one can only hope that they will get out of their slump before their stupendously loyal fans become restive.

This week West Adelaide will have a chance to make amends at home against Olympic but Adelaide City's task in Brisbane looks much more formidable.



Ian Johnston

Melbourne

The champagne has gone sour near the Yarra: after a smashing all-up win in the first round their teams could collect only a single point last week and even that at home.

Fitzroy and Footscray, convincing winners only a week earlier, both crashed heavily, conceding seven goals between them and replying mutely.

South Melbourne, after a grand first round display, sank back to their 1977 level.

Two, South Melbourne and Footscray, will be at home this week but neither can be too confident about a win while Fitzroy visit Hakoah's Waterloo of last week, most probably meeting the hosts in a desperate mood.



Brian Stoddart

Canberra:

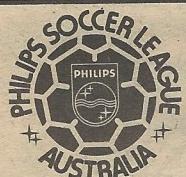
Two home games, both against Adelaide teams, resulting in two valuable draws — both achieved with a fight-back from deficit positions: this is Canberra's fine record so far.

In the two games they drew more than 12,000 spectators to their games — possibly meaning a breakthrough for soccer in the national capital.

On Sunday they visit St. George Stadium and manager John Warren's return may be anything but sentimental.

Once the darling of the Saints, Warren would love nothing more than leading his daredevil charges to victory in the new stadium he has never seen.

FULL PSL DETAILS: PAGES 2-4:



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Kosmina happy with Arsenal

— From Vic Migliaccio —

John Kosmina, who left Adelaide last month to join Arsenal, is, according to his father Alex Kosmina, extremely happy and doing well.

He officially signed with the club last week and is training with the first team squad and confident that he could be playing in the first team soon.

Kosmina Senior has various newspaper cuttings including the "North London News": "Australian World Cup striker John Kosmina strolled into a new world at Wintry Highbury — Arsenal Manager Terry Neil said 'John is very quick and has a fair touch skill'."

West Adelaide's eighth recruit for 1978, Con Kampas, arrived in Adelaide from Greece last Thursday. Kampas played for the Greek national team when on tour in 1969 at Hindmarsh Stadium against the SA State team. He is 28.

Adelaide City captain Frank Lister has every reason to be upset by a report in a Melbourne soccer publication last week which blamed him for

NEW COACH FOR LIONS

Brisbane Lions last Monday night appointed Julius Vincze as their new coach.

Vincze has been with Lions for two years as an assistant and previously played for Brisbane Hellenic and Queensland.

He was born in Hungary and in Budapest played for second division clubs Ganz and Elektromos and came to Australia in 1957.

He replaces Englishman Brian Daykin who left Lions after only a few weeks when a "players' revolt" forced the club to act.

WESTS BOSS STAYS PUT

Gordon Stratford, manager of the Western Suburbs club, has scotched rumors that he was about to leave the club.

"There was a bit of a problem in the boardroom but it's all over and I'm certainly staying," he said.

Wests, in fact, have been entrusted with the setting up and running of the PSL reserve competition, known as the Coca Cola Youth League.

It will start on April 1 — pretty ominous date considering that the 1977 version was hardly more than a sick joke.

Let's hope it goes better in 1978.

Chances are that a number of country teams will be included from Albury, Orange, the Southern Tablelands and the Illawarra district.

Some of the five Sydney-based PSL clubs will have nominated one, others two teams.

Western Suburbs officials John Venables (also a Coke executive), Syd Rennie and George Little will be in charge of the running of the League.

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CANBERRA

Canberra's record crowd was all the more amazing because the match was played smidst the festivities of Canberra Week when half the capital's population escapes the city. (Who is the Week for, then? — Ed.)

In last week's Canberra curtain-raiser Goulburn Workers beat the amateur Arinya 2-1. At halftime of the main match two skydivers dropped on the field from 3000 metres. The kick-off was supposed to have been performed by cartoonist Larry Pickering—but in the traffic jam, he arrived late. So he kicked off in the second half—and rather awkwardly, smashed the ball into an Adelaide City player. A day earlier Pickering was crowned as "King of Canberra" for the Week.

An old English sheepdog by the name of Barnabas is the new mascot of Canberra City. When Canberra goes north — and if they decide to take the dog — one could paraphrase the great GB Shaw play into "Barnabas and the Lion."



Lions player after victory over Hakoah.

NEWCASTLE

A seasoned first grader at the age of 18, Newcastle KB United's Peter Tredinnick could ease coach Alan Vest's attacking worries on the left wing.

Tredinnick has been playing in the Lake Macquarie front line since he was 15 and trialled with Sydney Olympic before signing for Newcastle last week.

His first rate performance against Western Suburbs had the doubly pleasing effect of a local youngster forcing his way into the newly formed PSL side.

Tredinnick came from the prolific soccer nursery Booragoon High School, a Tasman Cup winning side.

He played for the Newcastle United youth side against Eastern Suburbs Hakoah in the gala opening match at the International Sports Centre, scoring one of Newcastle's five goals.

Another newcomer to the team in the match against Western Suburbs was Mike Galpin, who has been chaffing at the bit waiting for an authenticated clearance coming through from English Southern League side Dorchester Town.

Two youngsters in the Newcastle team seem up a season with Heart of Midlothian in Scotland to gain experience.

They are the versatile Neil Endacott and Lloyd Hardes, both products of the famous Wallsend soccer club.

Endacott has played most of his football as a forward, but coach Alan Vest can see much potential for the youngster in the left back berth.

— Myles Hay

BRISBANE

Brisbane Lions' new goalie Nigel Lowndes played with Macclesfield in the Northern Premier division — his last match having been a few days before his arrival in Australia. He had trials with Manchester City and Everton and just recently had a good offer from third division Port Vale.

Watch out for Lions' strapping Scot Allan Hughes who shocked Hakoah with a hat-trick. Hughes, who played only a few games for Lions last year, was a Derby County reserve and came to Brisbane with a solid reputation.

MELBOURNE

John Daperis wants to leave South Melbourne, having gone on collision course with manager-coach David McLaren.

Footscray have signed two new Yugoslavs, due here soon: Igor Hazabec from Olympic Ljubljana and Stravko Lujicic, from a second division club. Both are 23 and have signed a three-year contract.

Footscray's home match this weekend will be part of a Rules-Rugby League-Soccer trifecta type promotion in a bid to increase attendances.

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PHILIPS LEAGUE '78

More upsets on the way?



— By Andrew Dettre —

It would take an exceptionally brave man to make forecasts for the third round — but, alas, our soccer is full of such heroes.

And despite the strings of upsets or at least surprise results, everybody is again giving his "certain" tips adding the customary doyewantabet?

Well, let's see. West Adelaide, probably rueing the day when they allowed Kosmina to leave, should begin to recover from their initial daze and handle Olympic.

But not if they play as they did against the Saints, with their defence ripped apart.

Tommy Anderson's Olympic shows signs of life and, having held one sister club to a draw last week, will strive for a repeat performance against yet another sister outfit.

Brisbane City will be at home to their "relatives", Adelaide City — but don't count on too much brotherly love on the field.

The hosts, riding on the crest of a wave, will try to register their second win in succession while Adelaide City, after two disappointments, will desperately fight to redeem themselves.

Normally one would tip the

visitors to win — but not on current form.

Easts Hakoah, yanked off their pedestal, will have to reorganise drastically to halt the advance of Fitzroy.

Actually, both performed miserably last week but perhaps Hakoah's home defeat is the greater of the two disasters.

Unless Mullen and Mowbray are prepared to curb their adventurous spirit at the expense of safety, Fitzroy may also make smallgoods of their cavalier defence.

Footscray's Yugoslav community will greet the Basic-led Marconi with mixed feelings: they would like to admire their compatriot after a good home win, not before.

But, frankly, the enigmatic Footscray's chances don't look too good.

Marconi, even in second gear, make up a formidable side where the promptings of Vieri, the grafting of Byrne and Rooney and the youthful zest and speed of the striking trio seem good enough to storm all barricades.

South Melbourne, playing their second game at home in two weeks, receive a vastly rejuvenated Newcastle and will have to be at their best behaviour to keep the points.

It seems that Dave MacLaren's magic wand works only in spasms and the rebuilt side may need more time to settle.

Newcastle, on the other hand, have decided to mix it with the old boys rather than wait for a decent maturing process; knowing Alan Vest's methods, they can only go on improving.

St. George, following their triumph in Adelaide, will return to their own stadium and will face a combative, ambitious Canberra — led by former Saints captain and coach John Warren.

If the young charges of Iliya Takac can keep their form, they should add two more points to their early tally.

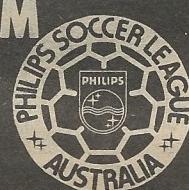
But... Canberra is not a team to give in without one helluva fight and they will punish any slackness the Saints may display.

Western Suburbs, playing their third match in Sydney, will be hard pressed to keep their unbeaten record against Brisbane Lions.

Wests are a tough, speedy side — but in Lions they will face a very skilled, compact unit.

If they allow Morris and Laslo the freedom of the park, they may suffer the same fate Hakoah did last Sunday at another part of Sydney.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE



THIS WEEK

Saturday, March 18

Footscray v Marconi St. Kilda Cr. Ground, 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 19

West. Adel. v Olympic	Hindmarsh, 2.30 p.m.
Bris. City v Adel. City	Perry Park, 2.30 p.m.
Easts Hakoah v Fitzroy	Wentworth, 3 p.m.
Sth. Melb. v Newcastle	Middle Park, 3 p.m.
St. George v Canberra	Barton Park, 3 p.m.
West. Sub. v Brisbane Lions	Englefield, 3 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

Brisbane Lions v Sth. Melbourne

Footscray v Easts Hakoah

Olympic v Canberra

Newcastle v West Adelaide

Adelaide City v St. George

Marconi v Brisbane City

Fitzroy v West. Sub.

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Thanks, old pal — Brisbane Lions goalie Nigel Lownds seems to be saying as he kisses the goalpost on the referee's final whistle against Hakoah. Photo by Steve Gonda.

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NEWCASTLE

Mike Galpin has proved that he will be a success this year in his first match against Wests. Galpin is a highly skilled winger, and with improved fitness will be one of the hits of the season.

Reluctantly, former Soccer Ray Baartz has been forced to give away his thoughts of a comeback. His attempt to get back into the game has brought some health problems, and commonsense has dictated that he should not play sport at top level.

As in Canberra, Newcastle United had to come to an agreement that they will play Saturday matches in order not to conflict with local league teams who have regularly played on Sundays. Officials have budgeted on a reasonable measure of success and are expecting to average 7000 crowds over the season. To the outsider it is obvious that at some time in the future the senior PSL club could be expected to have first choice of the dates, and if this occurred it is quite possible that Newcastle United could double present budgeted attendances.

Saintly Iberians

St. George BSC have several irons in the fire for new players — all from Spain or Portugal.

One, Isidore Acosta, 24, a Paraguayan striker, may arrive within two or three weeks.

Acosta, with years of South American experience behind him, played briefly for the Spanish first division club Rayo Vallecano last year.

This small Madrid club gained promotion to the first division last year — and are now running about fifth.

Acosta, being the third foreigner in the team, could not get a permanent work permit in Spain and has decided to accept the Saints' offer rather than return to Paraguay.

SYDNEY

Peter Van Rijn is back as the Hakoah physio — temporarily. He is helping out until Hakoah find a permanent man for the job.

The Richard Bell saga continues. Pan Hellenic are reportedly ready to let him go for about \$12,000 (instead of the original \$15,000) — but Hakoah manager Andrew Lederer says they are prepared to pay only about \$6000 and even that if he proves his fitness after a two-week lending arrangement.

Hakoah have written off plans to bring back their colored Portuguese star Manecas because of the \$15,000 transfer tag on his head.

Team manager, Andrew Lederer's company, Presto, has become Hakoah's sponsor — their third in just over a year. The annual fee involved, though not disclosed, is reported to be about \$25,000. Presto's holding company, Petersville, last week announced record profits exceeding \$4m.

Western Suburbs need the help and support of many clubs in their area, but the junior attitude indicates that it may not be forthcoming. Last week the players gave a heading tennis display at the busy Carlingford Court shopping centre, and then they entertained local junior teams with a special training session. But support was lacking at Dural again last Sunday and junior clubs held their own trials as usual.

"Ugly" Dave Gray kicked off for Wests against Newcastle last week. Referee David McDermott then gave him a red card to quickly terminate his participation in the game.



Richard Bell

HAKOAH'S "PROMOTION"

Hakoah's home debut last Sunday was one of the most miserable soccer affairs for years.

To start with, no match program could be seen and the entire "promotion" was limited to pop star Col Joye kicking off—but not even singing.

On a hot, summer afternoon, the kiosk "forgot" to stock icecream; the car park was closed; the loudspeaker is merely loud but inaudible.

Add to all this that the crowd (officially given as 1010) was probably 700-800, silently spreading out in the large Wentworth Park and you will agree that it was a dismal day all-round with an atmosphere of Tennessee Williams type of decay about it.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE FOR MEMBERS

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Friday, March 17: Vamosi and Zaray — 8.00 p.m. Booking fee \$4.00.

Saturday, March 18: Dance Music with Dennis Williams and Stafford — 8.00 p.m. Showtime — "Big Red and Bojangles" — 8.00 p.m.

Sunday, March 19: Disco — 7.30 p.m.

Monday, March 20: Vamosi and Zaray — 8.00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21: Ladies' Night with guests Frances Shaw and Aubrey and Martin — 8.00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22: Disco — 7.30 p.m.

FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION



PHILIPS LEAGUE SCOREBOARD



Sth. Melbourne Syd. Olympic

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1 (0)

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Hansen 4, Pye 3, Kalafatidis 3, Baxter 4, Hatzimanuil 3, Lutton 4, Wright 3, Rogers 4, Cummings 4, Ollereton 3, Kent 5.

OLYMPIC: Meier 5, Luckett 3, Cross 3, **Markland** 5, **McIntosh** 5, **Coton** 5, Laing 4, Jamieson 4, Allan 3 (Wilson: 69m), Ainslie 4, Thamnidis 3 (Senkalski: 66m).

Goals: 1-0 Rogers (60m), 1-1 Ainslie (78m).
Referee: C. Bambridge. **Crowd:** 4000.

Simple, effective tactics and great defensive work earned Olympic a precious point in this encounter. Defending well, mainly through Markland and McIntosh, Olympic held out very well until the 60th minute when Bill Rogers headed the ball past Meier, converting a centre from Hatzimanuil. Earlier in the game South Melbourne missed two marvellous chances when Lutton and Rogers lost sight of their target. Olympic were also guilty of the same sin in first half. Their ex-Dundee striker Laing did not appear fully fit for the fray yet he showed ample evidence of a basic skill. South Melbourne's midget winger Chris Kent was the hosts' most dangerous striker and many of the threatening attacks were spawned off his boot. However, hard as they might have tried, South Melbourne couldn't gain a clearcut upper hand in this match against a very determined opponent and failed to show the same lucidity they had displayed in Sydney one week earlier. In the end it was little surprising that they paid the penalty for their misses. Alan Ainstie, in the 78th minute, gratefully received a cross from substitute man Wilson, sold a quick dummy and volleyed home a glorious shot with his feared left foot, catching the entire South Melbourne defence on the hop. Olympic have given notice that they will not be anybody's punching bag this year and with Markland, Coton and McIntosh in their solid defence, they can even afford the luxury of keeping Richie Bell cooling his expensive heels on the sideline until he either comes to terms with the club or finds a buyer willing to fork out about \$10,000 for him.

— C. Nikolopoulos

Canberra City Adelaide City

2 (0)

2 (2)

CANBERRA: Tilsed 3, Moulis 3 (Brown: 60m), Parker 3, Stark 4, Milovanovic 3, Cant 3, T. Henderson 3, Davies 3, Gruicic 3, K. Henderson (Heywood: 31m, 4), Byrne 4.

ADELAIDE CITY: Romanowicz 2, Marwee 3, B. Nyskohus 3, Matic 3, Lister 4, Perin 3 (Yung: 76m), Melta 4, Rigby 4, Marocchi 4, J. Nyskohus 3, Northcote 4.

Goals: 0-1 Nyskohus (24m), 0-2 Melta (36m), 1-2 Byrne (48m), 2-2 Gruicic (63m).

Referee: B. Wilkinson. **Crowd:** 6580. **Caution:** B. Nyskohus.

Canberra's crowd record lasted only one week and was bettered again with their second home match in which the home team staged yet another remarkable fight-back from a heavy deficit. It was their swift interchanging of partners and clever use of the wings that finally signalled Canberra's revival. Adelaide City began well, their crisp, accurate passes hardly ever leaving the grass, stretching the Canberra defence on the wings. They looked well set for an easy win with two well taken goals. Still, the traffic wasn't all one way. First Tony Henderson headed a Gruicic corner over the empty goal then younger brother Ken missed a sitter. Gruicic himself could have scored but tried to dribble around the goalie instead of chipping him. The substitution of 18-year-old Heywood for Ken Henderson dismayed many fans — but the move paid off. Three minutes after halftime Heywood broke on the right, sent in a high cross to the far post where Byrne rose to head past Romanowicz. The equaliser arrived in the 63rd minute when Gruicic fooled everybody by lobbing a freekick from the sideline, floating into the corner. With two minutes remaining Tilsed brought off a great save from a Marwee freekick. This exciting but at times rough encounter proved to be a great entertainment for all concerned except, perhaps, Adelaide City goalie Romanowicz who really had a poor day.

— C. Kunz

Marconi

Fitzroy

4 (2)

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MARCONI: Maher 3, Degney 4, Jones 3, Russell 4, Prskaljko 3, Jankovics 3, Byrne 4, Vieri 4, Rooney 3, Mariani 2, Sharne 4.

FITZROY: Blasby 2, McMillen 3, Provan 2, O'Reilly 3, Tansey 3, Bannon 3, Taylor 2 (Kay: 75m), Campbell 3, Bozikas 2, Cole 3, Buljevic 2.

Goals: 1-0 Vieri (15m), 2-0 Rooney (40m), 3-0 Jankovics (50m), 4-0 Byrne (70m).

Referee: R. Lorenc. **Crowd:** 5891. **Cautions:** Prskaljko, Provan.

Marconi did not play anywhere near their top form and the real reason for their massive victory was the poor showing by Fitzroy. After an even first 10 minutes it was obvious that the speed of Sharne and the overlapping prowess of Degney were going to cause problems to the Fitzroy defence. Pat Bannon started the rot when he made a grave tactical error by dropping well back to a defensive role, thus allowing Marconi to take almost complete control of midfield for the first 45 minutes. During this time Fitzroy had absolutely no idea how to stop a team which played neat, simple, constructive soccer. Vieri showed his class throughout, and scored the opening goal with a Pele style banana kick from the edge of the penalty area. Rooney added the second just before half time when Blasby, who played all day as if his feet were nailed to the goalline, pulled a ball from under his crossbar over the line. Gary Byrne had a top class game and tormented the Fitzroy defence wherever he went. He set up the third goal, which put the nail in the Fitzroy coffin, five minutes after half time with an inch-perfect pass through to Jankovics who just picked his spot. Marconi then relaxed for 20 minutes during which time it was finally noticed that Alan Maher was on the field as he brought off two brilliant saves within a few moments of each other, one from Bozikas and the other from Tansey. Tansey also hit the post, but that was as close as Fitzroy were ever likely to get to scoring before Marconi added a fourth when Byrne capitalised upon a misunderstanding between Blasby and his two fullbacks to nip in and score an easy goal. Rale Basic must be pleased with the way his team is playing and on this type of form, provided they keep the game simple, they must be red hot favourites for the title. Fitzroy showed no form all day, with a midfield lacking inspiration and a defence that is slow to tackle and cover.

— R. Dewick

TOP PSL SCORERS

HUGHES (Lions) 3
JANKOVICS (Marconi) 3
GRUICIC (Canberra) 2

ROGERS (Sth. Melb.) 2
SILVA (Hakoah) 2

West. Suburbs

1 (0)

WESTS: T. Eaton 4, Skellern 3 (Rowden: 80m), Turnbull 4, Noble 4, Wilson 4, Harding 3, Stone 3, Fisher 3, C. Eaton 3, O'Donnell 3; Vernon 2 (Samuels: 73m).

Goals: 0-1 Curran (42m), 1-1 C. Eaton (70m).

Referee: D. McDermott. **Crowd:** 1\$53. **Cautions:** C. Eaton, Noble.

Newcastle

1 (1)

NEWCASTLE: Dando 4, Willis 3, Endacott 3, Mason 4, Summerscales 4, Drinkwater 3, Amey 3, Boden 3, Galpin 4, Tredinnick 4 (Kay: 88m), Curran 4.

Goals: 0-1 Curran (42m), 1-1 C. Eaton (70m).

Referee: D. McDermott. **Crowd:** 1\$53. **Cautions:** C. Eaton, Noble.

West Adelaide

1 (0)

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 4, McCulloch 3 (Tymczyszyn: 82m), Reynolds 3, McGachey 5, Vagianos 3, Jones 4, Boyle 4 (Zivkovic: 82m), Carruthers 4, Norris 3, Honeyman 3, McGregor 54m), O'Connor 5.

Goals: 0-1 R. O'Shea (37m), 1-1 McGachey (60m), 1-2 J. O'Shea (62m), 1-3 O'Connor (63m), 1-4 Jones (83m).

Referee: J. Johnson (SA). **Crowd:** 5233. **Cautions:** Harris.

St. George

4 (1)

ST. GEORGE: Coe 5, Utjesenovic 5, Terry 3, J. O'Shea 4, Harris 4, Grosse 4, Jones 4, Gnavi 3 (Durisic: 82m), R. O'Shea 4, Morgan 3 (Hensman: 54m), O'Connor 5.

The sky fell in on West Adelaide when, in the short space of two minutes, St. George cracked in two goals in this amazing encounter. The unexpected spell came only two minutes after West had justifiably equalised, being unjustly in arrears at half time. Such are the fortunes of football. West had really fallen for the thimble and pea trick with St. George allowing them to race and chase while they coasted along conserving their energy for the second half. The tactics were wise in the very hot conditions, but they could have backfired had Martin Coe not been in such great form. The first half provided a stark contrast in styles with West Adelaide tearing flat out while the Saints tiptapped the ball around in slow motion. West Adelaide started the second stanza in similar vein to the first with no hint of any possible goal-glut from Saints. Then, with the score neatly poised at 1-1, St. George were awarded a free kick loaded with doubt and John O'Shea obliged by driving the ball into the net via a deflection. West were in tatters as Phil O'Connor accepted a rebound from a Robert O'Shea shot to race Saints to a 3-1 lead. Both sides made changes to offset the heat, but West could not provide a reserve as effective as the most impressive Peter Hensman. West coach John Margaritis has former Greek international Con Kamps to introduce for this week's game against Olympic. He may also have to give serious consideration to bringing Ulysses Kokkinos into the fray to boost the team's flagging morale. The fans will have already forgotten all those great saves of Coe's and will only recall the final disturbing scoreline.

— A. Crisp

Brisbane City

3 (1)

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 4, Rathmell 4, Perry 5, Tokesi 4, Kibbey 4, Pimblett 3, Echeverria 4, Gaffney 4, Caldwell 4 (Coyne: 75m), Marley 5, Conner 4 (Ibanez: 63m).

Goals: 1-0 Gaffney (33m), 2-0 Echeverria (49m), 3-0 Caldwell (55m).

Referee: John Woods. **Crowd:** 5000. **Cautions:** Nil.

Footscray

0

FOOTSCRAY: O'Hara 3, Ristic 3, Iloski 4, Kondaros 3, Kazi 3, Rujevic 4, Palinkas 3, Piciaone 4, Martin 3, Ristovski 3, Belic 3.

Goals: 1-0 Gaffney (33m), 2-0 Echeverria (49m), 3-0 Caldwell (55m).

Referee: John Woods. **Crowd:** 5000. **Cautions:** Nil.

Easts Hakoah

1 (1)

HAKOAH: Clarke 2, Mullen 2, B. Smith 3, O'Connor 3, Mowbray 3, Stevenson 3, Watson 4, Barnes 3, Campbell 3, McGuinness 2, Silva 2.

Goals: 1-0 Campbell (32m), 1-1 Hughes (59m), 1-2 Hughes (68m), 1-3 Hughes (74m).

Referee: T. Davies. **Crowd:** 1000. **Cautions:** Spearitt, Laslo.

Brisbane Lions

3 (0)

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 3, Potter 3, Hermiston 4, Bennett 4, Amos 3, Spearitt 3 (Ogden: 74m), Neale 3, Laslo 4, Hughes 4, Morris 4 (Lawrie: 84m), Niven 3.

It may be a time-worn cliche but here it held true: Hakoah have only themselves to blame for losing this match. At half time they were one goal up, they were playing the more imaginative football and they were creating the more dangerous attacks. However, after half time they were prepared to sit on their laurels and they paid dearly for this lack of action. In the first period both sides attacked regularly, but Lions always seemed to lack imagination or variation. They would stick three players in the middle and hit hopeful balls at them. Hakoah at least had Watson linking along the wing, though they lacked extra width by employing Silva as a midfielder rather than another winger. After half time, however, things noticeably changed. The match which had been dreadfully boring till then showed signs of life when a few Lions moves caused mild panic in the Hakoah defence. Then Geoff Morris exploded into action and made a nervous wreck of Kevin Mullen. Morris put on the pressure as he moved forward with weaving runs, inspiring fellow team mates to do the same. He set up the first goal, started the second and had a hand in the third, all of which were converted with great dash by Scottish striker Alan Hughes. After the second goal Hakoah fell apart and never looked like recovering; in fact, Lions could well have scored four, but were content to play out time at a slow pace.

— S. Dettre

PHILIPS
LEAGUE
RESULTS

	Hakoah	Marconi	Fitzroy	Adel. City	West. Sub.	St. George	West Adel.	Footscray	Br. Lions	Br. City	South Melb.	Olympic	Canberra	Newcastle
Hakoah	P 9/4	19/3	16/4	23/7	20/8	6/8	25/6	1-3	2/7	30/4	28/5	14/5	11/6	
Marconi	9/7	H 4-0	2/4	16/4	14/5	30/4	18/6	11/6	26/3	23/7	20/8	6/8	28/5	
Fitzroy	18/6	4/6	I	21/5	26/3	23/7	9/4	27/8	14/5	1-0	2/7	30/4	16/7	6/8
Adel. City	16/7	2/7	20/8	L	30/4	26/3	28/5	0-1	6/8	18/6	14/5	9/4	4/6	23/4
West. Sub.	23/4	16/7	25/6	30/7	I	28/5	14/5	2/4	19/3	9/4	6/8	11/6	20/8	1-1
St. George	21/5	13/8	23/4	25/6	27/8	P	4/6	30/7	16/7	7/5	0-2	2/7	19/3	9/4
West Adel.	7/5	30/7	9/7	27/8	13/8	1-4	S	16/4	2/4	23/7	21/5	19/3	11/6	25/6
Footscray	26/3	19/3	28/5	11/6	2/7	30/4	16/7	●	20/8	4/6	9/4	6/8	23/7	14/5
Br. Lions	4/6	0-3	13/8	7/5										



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THE LAST TIME IN BIG TIME ...

Polonia were relegated from First Division at the end of the 1969 season.

Purely for the record, this was the team that last played in that division — in the 22nd round, against Yugal, drawing 1-1:

Fraser, Round, Skiba, Oliver, Dzialach, Komoder, Chodkiewicz (Holleman), Minol, Winiarski, Williams, Calphy. The coach was Leo Baumgartner.



A. Komoder



H. Cebula



R. Krawiarz



R. Winiarski



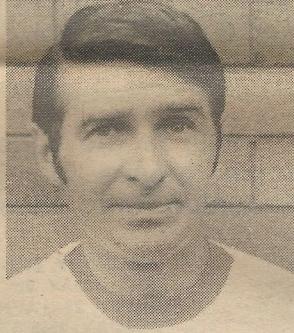
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J. Fraser



E. Dzialach



K. Kulak



S. Minol



M. Jurecki



B. Adamczyk



A. Gaik



F. Filok



D. Brown



G. Gawlik



M. Urbas



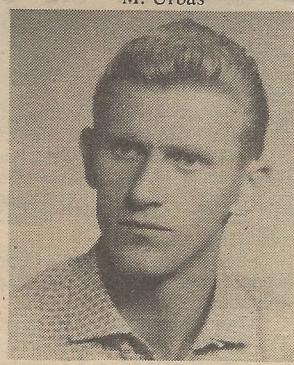
J. Drewniak



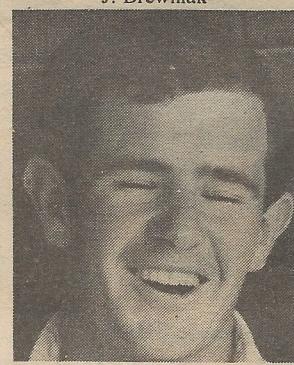
J. Wong



Z. Nowacki



R. Skiba



D. Calphy



A. Ringland



Possibly the best ever team of Polonia, in 1961. From left: Czubala, Kohler, Boland, Rosa (obscured), Sklarek, Butkovich, Walker, Ringland, Pilot, Wong and Galeczka.



R. Gronowski (left), who played for Polonia in Melbourne and Sydney.

This team will go places



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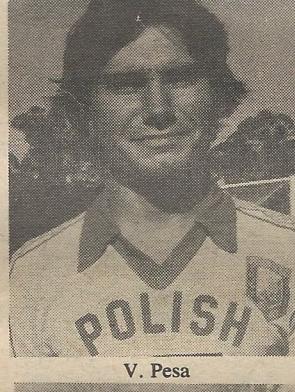
Only picture, not memory has faded

This was the beginning of it all — the very first Polonia team, back in 1950.

Some pioneers may be recognised in this old, faded — but historic photo.

At the back, from left, the first three are W. Szymczak, M. Dudek and H. Golark, the one on the left in front is Z. Kabar and on the right Mrowka.

Can you name the others?



T. Conditsic (coach)

WHEN AND WHERE TO WATCH TEAM

This is the schedule of Polonia SC's home games at Chopin Park, Lot 4, Bungalow Road, Plumpton.

SUNDAY, 26th MARCH v INTER
 SATURDAY, 8th APRIL v REVESBY
 SUNDAY, 23rd APRIL v. MARRICKVILLE
 TUESDAY, 25th APRIL v. BLACKTOWN
 SUNDAY, 7th MAY v UNIVERSITY OF NSW
 SATURDAY, 27th MAY v GLADESVILLE
 SUNDAY, 4th JUNE v BELMORE
 SUNDAY, 2nd JULY v KU-RING-GAI
 SUNDAY, 16th JULY v QUEENS PARK
 SATURDAY, 5th AUGUST v GUILDFORD
 SUNDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER v WARRINGAH

Kick-off times: 3rd grade 11.45 a.m.; 2nd grade 1.15 p.m.; 1st grade 3.00 p.m.

Before most games, about 9.30 am, the club will field its newly formed Ladies' Team.

Admission: Adults \$1, children and pensioners 20c, enclosed parking within the ground 20c.

Facilities: Sheltered kiosk with food and drinks at reasonable prices Saturdays only. The club will be applying for a liquor licence to sell beer and Polish wines and spirits.

THESE MEN RUN POLONIA

This is the present Management Committee of Polonia:

President: Jan Pura.
 Administration Manager/Secretary: John Molski (tel. 644-8197).

Publicity and Promotions Manager: Harry Hefka.

Technical Manager: Joe Turczak.

Social Manager: Mike Kordek.

Financial Manager: Aleks Ratajczak.

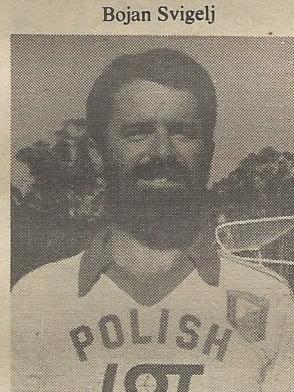
Associated Teams Manager: Eddie Choroszynski.

Ladies' Auxiliary: Mesdames W. Jankowska and L. Mikolajewska.

Coaching Staff: Club Coach, Tommy Conditsis; 1st. Grade Coach, Tony Komoder; 3rd Grade, Berto Luchetti; Ladies' Team, Bill Zounis.

Team Managers: 1st. Grade, Harry Greenfield; 2nd. Grade, Vic. Budini; 3rd. Grade, Ray Higgins.

Correspondence: 5 Torrington Ave., Sefton, NSW 2162.



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The patron of Polonia Club, Senator J. A. ("Tony") Mulvihill (centre) was shown the club's new strip last week at the club's very successful harbor cruise. He is pictured with the NSW Director of Polish Airlines, LOT, Mr Andrzej Namyslowski (left) and Mr Diotr Mroz, LOT's Managing Director for Australia and New Zealand.



Two of the Polonia players with the new club shirt. From left: Ray Higgins (3rd grade manager), Andrzej Pietrzyk, Mrs Wisniewski, Senator Tony Mulvihill, the club's patron, Joe Turczak (technical manager), Mrs Pietrzyk, Bogdan Wisniewski and Mrs Teterycz.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. Secretary

POLONIA—SYDNEY SOCCER CLUB

5 TORRINGTON AVE., SEFTON, N.S.W. 2162

I hereby apply to become a member of Polonia — Sydney Soccer Club and to abide by the Statutes and Rules of Club and any By-laws for the time being in force.

I declare that I am of or over the age of eighteen (18) years.
(Please print clearly)

SURNAME: Mr./Mrs./Miss

CHRISTIAN NAMES (in full):

ADDRESS:

OCCUPATION: PHONE (Home/Bus.)

SEX: AGE:

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

Dated this day of 19.....

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All applications must be accompanied by the necessary yearly subscription of \$10.

POLAND'S POWER

It's impossible nowadays to talk about topflight soccer without reference to Poland's entertaining and highly successful national team.

After decades of quiet, rather unnoticed existence, they exploded on the scene in 1972 when they won the Olympic crown in Munich.

The following year a slightly reorganised team knocked England out of the World Cup qualifiers with a 2-0 win in Poland and then a magnificent 1-1 in London.

Even after these two warnings, Poland went to the 1974 World Cup finals largely unfancied.

But there, they took the scene with a storm. In Gadocha, Lato, Kasperczak, Zmuda, the giant stopper Gorgon and Deyna a sceptical soccer world gave Poland instant admiration and recognition.

Finally, Poland finished third — their best ever result — and with an ounce of luck, against West Germany in the semifinal, could have got even higher.

Although not without some domestic turbulences, the nucleus of that great team is still intact and will go into battle in Argentina in June.

Lubanski, now a pro in Belgium, is no longer in serious contention though manager Gmoch may recall him.

Gadocha is in France and, over the age of 30, unlikely to be seen again galloping irresistibly on the flanks.

But many others are still at their peak: Tomaszewski, Gorgon, Kasperczak, Deyna, Szarmach, Lato as well as some superbly talented newcomers.

Most critics rate West Germany, Holland and Poland as the three strongest European challengers for the World Cup in June — and history is on Poland's side.

If they could exchange their Olympic gold of 1972 for a World Cup bronze two years later, who can say they can't go a notch or two higher?

Poland's national team.



New home ground opens on March 26

The opening of Polonia's new home ground, Chopin Park, on Sunday, March 26, 1978 in the competition game against North Sydney Inter, should herald the revival of the Club's fortunes.

For, in the past, due to lack of financial support, Polonia has rarely occupied a place in the first division competition and, for most of its existence, has finished in the middle of the second division.

The Club's management committee has tried to remedy this financial plight in 1978, by selling advertising around the new home ground at Chopin Park.

It was extremely successful in this and already billboards feature LOT Polish Airlines G. & M. Kondek and Company (screen manufacturers), White Eagle Smash Repairs, Burns Philp & Co, Iskra Electrics, Delta Overseas Travel and Tooheys, with many more on the way.

However, to compete in the first division and even more so, in the Philips League, even more finance would have to be obtained.

With this in mind, the Polish Sports, Recreation and Social Centre Ltd, of which the Polonia Soccer Club is a branch, have geared their plans to commence

building a licensed club at the sports complex at Lot 4, Bungalow Rd, Plumpton about June this year.

To carry out this plan, about \$250,000 is needed for the Club to become operational.

With this in mind, the Directors of the PSRS Centre Ltd are trying to obtain loan funds from members and supporters.

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Club wants to get back to NSW elite

After nine seasons of consolidation in the second division, the committee of Polonia have, during the off season, formulated plans which should enable the club to win promotion to the Rothmans League in 1978.

These plans were based on a realistic assessment of the resources available to the club in 1978.

If they are realised, there is no reason why the club should in future not be able to progress.

In previous years, the Polonia first grade team was mainly composed of imported Polish professional players.

However, with the quantity of these being cut off in the last decade or so, because of the demand for Polish players in other European countries since the successes of the Polish national team, the club was forced to review its policy of importing such players.

Thus, in 1975, the club commissioned Felix Molski (then Tasman Cup Coach of Chester Hill High School), who possessed a wealth of knowledge about the form of many of Sydney's top class young players.

His instructions were to scout for some of the best young players in Sydney in order that they form, within three years, the nucleus of a top first grade team of first division standard.

As a first step in carrying out his instructions, Felix Molski brought to his side another coach expert in the requirements of young players, in Berto Luchetti (then junior coach of Marconi).

As a result, most of the players in the first grade squad for 1978, came through the third grade of 1975 and second grade of 1976.

In 1977, Felix Molski, stuck to his convictions that these players have the class to make top grade, and fearlessly promoted them to the first grade.

Although nervous at first and despite their inexperience, the club still managed to finish in seventh place.

However, the club's faith in local youth has paid off remarkably.

The experience gained in first grade last year has enabled them to mature remarkably quickly.

In pre-season trial matches, the club now finds that their ball skills and style of play complement that shown by the three Polish players who arrived late last year.

If trial matches are any guide, to what supporters can expect the team to play in the competition proper, then they shall be pleasantly surprised.

For the first time in many years, they shall have a team to be proud of, and not one consisting of only individuals each playing a different game.

They should see the team playing a short-passing, ball-playing game moulded on the Continental style.

This has always proved to be more successful and more pleasing to watch than the long passing, rugged game that seems to be in favour by most other teams in the second division.

Because of this, and because the club now has the players to play such a style of football, supporters should feel very confident of a successful season.

Imbued with the success of its junior experiment, the club is now building further on these solid foundations.

It has appointed Tommy Conditsis (on the retirement of Felix Molski last year) as club coach and Tony Komoder as the first grade coach.

Tony Komoder needs no introduction to Polonia fans, for he had first division experience in Poland with Zagłębie Sosnowiec (Joe Galeczka's club) and was a stalwart in Polonia teams from 1964 to 1974.

Tommy Conditsis is also a very experienced coach and his appointment is at the same level as that of Komoder.

However, his duties will involve planning the progress of all the players in all teams of the club and his successes will be gauged over the long term, rather than the immediate performances of the teams.

The Polonia Soccer Club has successfully obtained a substantial sponsorship from LOT Polish Airlines for the 1978 soccer season.

Although the LOT Polish Airlines is well known throughout Europe, it is only since 1973 that they commenced inter-continental operations with flights to New York.

The following year this was extended to Montreal.

And on September 14, 1977 the company's inaugural flight to Asia was made on the route Warsaw-Baghdad-Dubai-Bombay-Bangkok.

Towards the end of 1977, LOT Polish Airlines opened a bureau in 175 Pitt St., Sydney, 232-1488, where people interested in travelling by an airline giving top class service and comfort may get further information.

At the same time, the Managing Director of LOT for Australia and New Zealand, Mr Piotr Mroz and the N.S.W. Regional Director, Mr Andrzej Namyslowski are also studying the possibilities of extending their Asian route to Australia.

By sponsoring the Polonia Soccer Club in Sydney, LOT Polish Airlines expects that word of its operations in Asia and its information bureau in Sydney will spread throughout the Polish community in Australia.

In turn, the Club has received a substantial amount of money which will mainly be used to improve the working capital of the Club, bring out reinforcements in the playing staff from Poland and



LOT manager P. Mroz also purchase several sets of badly needed playing strips, bearing LOT Polish Airlines advertising.

The Polonia Soccer Club is confident that this year's sponsorship by this prestigious international airline company is just the beginning of a long and happy relationship which should be of mutual benefit both to the Club and to LOT Polish Airlines.

Polonia started in hostel room

The Polonia Soccer Club was officially formed and named on September 24, 1950, having played the year before under the sponsorship of a hostel in Moorebank, and winning their group of the local soccer com

Between the years of 1951 and 1957 the club played in the Southern League, Division B with varying success.

In 1958 the club joined the N.S.W. Federation of Soccer Clubs playing in their second division, and in 1960 brought out the first four professional soccer players from Poland.

These were Joe Galeczka, Stan Sklarek, George Czubala and Wilhelm Pilot.

In that year the club finished in second place to Pan Hellenic, but beat the latter in the Grand Final.

During 1961, Polonia amalgamated with the North Side Soccer Club and as a result took part in that year's first division competition, under the name of Polonia North Side. The newly formed Club finished fifth in that year.

After losing two of their best players in Joe Galeczka (to Poland and later on to win full international honours for his coun-

try) and Stan Sklarek (to Polonia-Melbourne and subsequently to gain selection in the Victorian State Team), the club was relegated to the second division in 1962.

The Club was further weakened in 1963, losing such fine players as Adrian Ringland (to South Coast United), Johnny Wong (to APIA) and the retirement of the Varglien brothers, but still managed to finish in second place after the late arrival of a further four Polish reinforcements — Zdzislaw Nowacki, Bruno Hajduk, Kaz Witczak and Henryk Cebula.

It was these players who helped the Club win the 1963 Grand Final against the second division premiers, Corinthians. Three other Polish professionals, Jerry Drewniak, Tony Komoder and the blonde international from Gornik, Ginter Gawlik joined the Club in 1964 with the result that Polonia had no trouble taking out the second division

double — the premiership and championship.

Promoted in 1965, the Club had a lopsided team, in that it had a top class defence, but mediocre players in attack and as a result were placed in last position for most of 1965.

However, through the late arrival of another four players from Poland - Eugene Dzialach, Frank Filok, Andre Gaik and the irrepressible striker Richard Krawiarz together with the Australian international, Mike Jurecki from Melbourne, — the fortunes of Polonia improved, but not sufficiently to avoid last place — together with Pan Hellenic.

This necessitated a play-off with that club and after two drawn games, a third game was required to resolve the question of relegation.

That game, universally acknowledged as one of the classics ever put up by two Australian clubs, saw Polonia go down 5-4 through a series of very controversial decisions by the referee.

1966 heralded the departure of the great Ginter Gawlik as well as Hajduk and Witczak.

But further strengthened by another good forward in Bogdan Adamczyk from Poland and the Australian international goalkeeper Bill Henderson from Auburn, the Club again easily won that year's second division double — and promotion.

With the addition of Kaz Kulak to the team from Poland and the purchase of Don Brown from Canterbury, Polonia finished 1967 in eighth position in the first division.

Further reinforcements from Poland were acquired in 1968 (Richard Winarski and Richard Skiba as well as Stan Minol) to place the Club equal fifth.

However, in 1969 age was beginning to tell on the Polish brigade and as a result the Club again finished the season last.

Ever since, the Club has occupied a middle of the table position in the second division and even the arrival of such players as Kaz Szmidt, Kaz Starak, Stan Wozniak, Manfred Urbas and Zygmund Janiak over the years did not help the Club in taking precedence over such clubs as Western Suburbs and Marconi in promotion to the first division.

Stadium ready in '82

The Polonia Soccer Club will play its first game at its new home ground, Chopin Park, Plumpton, on Sunday, March 26, against North Sydney Inter.

The 10-acre property was bought by the Polish Sports, Recreation and Social Centre Limited, of which Polonia is a branch, in September, 1976.

The first stage is the building of a playing field and training ground — and this has been completed.

Stage 2 involves the building of a gymnasium and canteen and this would be ready in about a month.

Stage 3 will be the construction of a licensed club and this will depend on funds being provided by the local community in the form of loans.

The club has applied for a grant from the NSW Government towards floodlighting.

The tentative completion date of the whole project, including a small grandstand as a starter, licensed club and floodlit fields, will be 1982 and the total cost in present value may reach \$750,000.



Artist's impression of the completed Polonia Stadium at Chopin Park.

NSW STATE LEAGUE

Some seek solace for poor Cup run

— By Keith Gilmour —

In welcoming this weekend's start to the Rothman's League season, NSW president Karl Rodny said he had no doubt that the Ampol Cup success would continue on.

APIA v AUBURN

Auburn's loss of players certainly throws the balance in APIA's favor for the Lambert Park clash.

Alec McMillan should control APIA's defence in this match against his former club, and if Ken Lindsay has settled in he should be able to help the maroons to dominate the midfield.

Auburn will be looking to Andy Tracey and Derek Sidey for goals, along with recent acquisition Mick Stephenson, formerly with Arncliffe and Guildford.

APIA: McQuire, McGinn, McMillan, Jackson, Bakaric, Porter, Merrigan, Lindsay, Fryer, Doyle, Butler, Griffiths, Ruiz, O'Rourke, Wilson.

AUBURN: Griffin, J. Gibson, McGlynn, Vidaic, Bertram, Dobson, Sidey, Bielby, Stephenson, McGrath, Tracey, Fairclough, Williams, Hill.



George Butler, Melita.

MELITA v CROATIA

Can Melita Eagles repeat their Cup win against Croatia?

My feeling is that they may not quite have the players to duplicate that success, even allowing that Croatia are in somewhat of a difficult situation.

Their three latest imports must be added to an already big playing staff, and coach Luke Fabrijanic has to sort out a combination that is a blend of their present skills and a necessary element of toughness.

With World Cup striker Attila Abonyi and Maurice Sullivan consistently amongst the goals, Croatia have players who have no parallel in the Melita team — but watch out for a great battle.

MELITA: Bracklow, Ververis, McPherson, Yamine, Mikas, G. Butler, Brizuela, Farrugia, R. Smith, McAusland, McGovern, Drossos, Parker, Marsden.

CROATIA: Watson, R. Russell, Mullen, Basic, G. Smith, Stone, McDonald, Abonyi, Kovacic, Sullivan, Coleman, Leyden, Hanratty, J. Russell.



Gary Fairclough, Auburn.

AVALA v YUGAL

After a big upset in which manager Steve Dacevski and coach Slavko Viskovic were moved out, Yugal settled on the previously successful Eric Schwarz to handle the job.

It is too early to expect him to have welded Yugal's somewhat untidy bunch of talent into a workmanlike unit, so Avala look the likely winners in a hard fought game.

Apart from an outstanding defence and a capable midfield, they have a host of potential scorers — Jim Magill, John Beater, Tom Morrow, Pat Deller and Alan Griffiths.

AVALA: Ahrens, Doran, S. Deller, Gray, Barton, Milovanovic, Patterson, Morrow, Deller, Beater, Magill, Griffiths, Nedic, Nedić.

YUGAL: Mandrides, Nitya, Piper, Novakovic, Radovac, Stamenovic, Travini, Karenfilovski, Mihajlovic, Rodas, Lupeski, Nanneriello, Cuk.



Croatia's Ian Stone.

MONARO v MANLY

Ampol Cup semi-finalists Monaro have home ground advantage at last, and this is the first State League game ever to be played at Queanbeyan's Marco Polo ground.

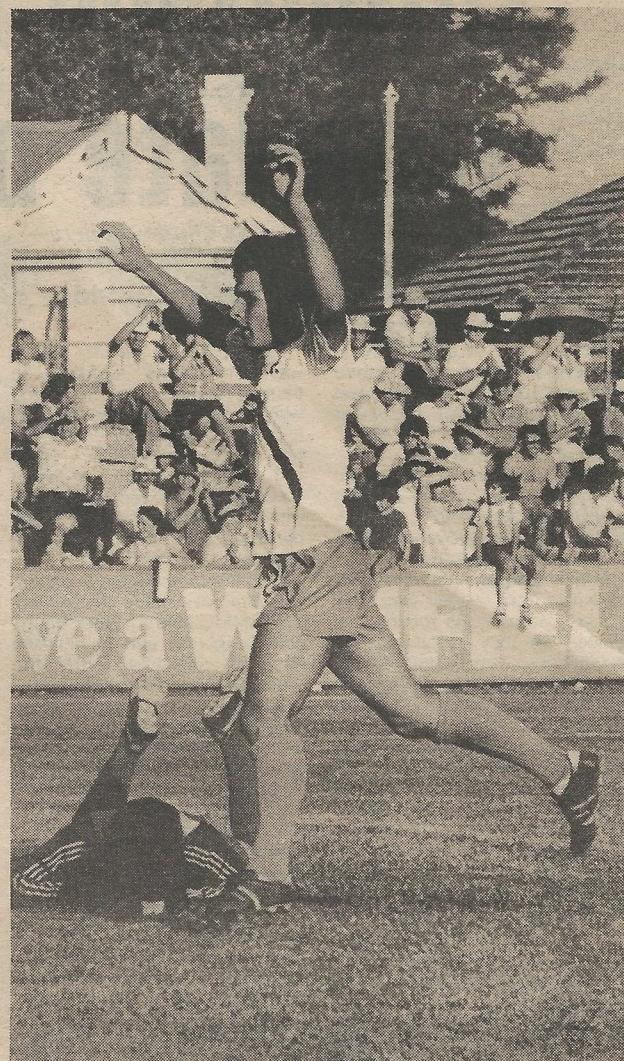
Monaro so far have run hot and cold, possibly due to the changing moods of Sebastian Giampaoli, a highly talented striker on his day.

Manly started as cold as their surf in winter, but the side came good to defeat APIA.

Young newcomers Hill and Kay showed out well, and they are the types of players that will put Manly on the map as the fruits of their scientifically-based coaching scheme are realised.

MONARO: Pelec, Prgomej, O'May, De Paoli, Santolin, Crawford, Lawler, Forwood, M. Valeri, Giampaoli, W. Valeri, Borwick, Cumming, Morsello, Antropolides.

MANLY: Cassettari, Harpur, Dick, Stocks, Geoghegan, Rozendaal, Toland, Purac, Delaney, Nawalu, Doyle, Hill, Kay.



One of the young heroes of Sutherland hails his team's win in Sunday's Ampol Cup final.

BANKSTOWN: Greedy, Thompson, Morrison, Mermolego, Lembrayk, Peck, C. Rootsey, Benavente, Kent, Daley, Harvey, Ingle, Brooks.

ARNCLIFFE: Cuneo, D. Butler, Walsh, Smart, Warner, Harrington, O'Meara, Armstrong, Gilmour, Baker, Cochrane, Cirillo, Muscovits, Small.

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Sunday, March 19

Toongabbie v Granville

Girraween

Monaro v Manly

Marco Polo

APIA v Auburn

Lambert Park

Avala v Yugal

Marconi Oval

Melita v Croatia

Garside Park

Bankstown v Arncliffe

Soccer Centre

Sutherland v M.V. Olympic

Postponed

II DIVISION
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Milperra Reserve

Gladesville v Warringah

Morrison Bay Park

.Uni NSW v Guildford

David Philips

NEXT WEEK

Inter Monaro v Granville
Toongabbie v Sutherland
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Manly v APIA
Yugal v Auburn
Melita v Avala
Croatia v Bankstown

Coke adds life to the winning goal.



Ampol Cup Final

Sutherland came with late burst

— By Charles Spiteri —

Sutherland Shire scored their first major soccer success by winning the 1978 Ampol Cup last Sunday defeating Melita Eagles 2-0 at Garside Park.

After a shaky start, Sutherland lifted their game tremendously in the second half to score well deserved victory over the "in-form" team of the Ampol Cup.

It took six years for Sutherland to make their mark in first division but they did it in style against top opposition in a thrilling and entertaining match.

Melita Eagles, humbled into defeat in front of their own supporters, were by no means disgraced as they matched their conquerors in every department, but lapsed badly in the second half to give Sutherland the advantage.

For Johnny Watkiss who gallantly led his team to his great victory, it will probably be the last game of his forced "come-back" — he only took the field to offset the long list of injuries to his top players.

Watkiss threw everything at Melita; he even collected a yellow card from Tony Boskovic following an over zealous tackle on George Butler during the game.

Favorites to win this match, Melita Eagles certainly gave Sutherland a good run for their victory.

In the first half, Melita put it together with more cohesion and finesse and in the 16th minute Watkiss came to the rescue when he cleared off the line with Malcolm Haynes well and truly beaten.

For the rest of the first half, it was "champagne" football with the ball running from end to end with Melita looking the sharper and more dangerous of the two teams.

But once the halftime break was over, Sutherland came back with a barnstorming spell which had the Eagles in quite a lot of trouble.

In a torrid ten-minute period, Uwe Bracklow made two brilliant saves from shots by Peter Beggs and Craig Hall and in between Richard Hammer hit the crossbar.

Holding the upperhand, Sutherland kept coming forward and the inevitable break came when Jim Basterfield split the defence with a good run down the middle, passing to Beggs who rounded a defender and slammed the ball out of Bracklow's reach in the low bottom left corner.

This goal sunk the Eagles into making more mistakes and were lucky not to get further behind.

However, eight minutes later, the Melita defence "gave away" another goal. This time all stopped appealing for "offside" while Richard Hammer raced through slipping the ball to Craig Hall who scored with a 12-metre scorcher.

Sutherland: Haynes 4, Hesford 4, Basterfield 4 (Wykes: 85m), Schumann 3, Dalforno 4, **Watkiss** 5, Beggs 4, Smith 3, Hall 4, Lavin 3, Hammer 4.

Melita Eagles: Bracklow 4, Ververis 4, McPherson 3 (Drossos: 71m), Yamine 3, Mikas 4, Smith 4, Farrugia 4, McAusland 3, Parker 3, Butler 4, Brizuela 3.

Goals: 1-0 Beggs 62m, 2-0 Hall 70m.

Referee: T. Boskovic.

Crowd: 5672.

Arncliffe Scots won the play-off for third place when they beat Monaro 2-0 in the early game at Garside Park.

Faster to the ball, Arncliffe had the measure of the slow moving Monaro throughout the game.

Glen Walsh scored in the first half to give them the lead and newcomer John Muskovits sealed the result halfway through the second half.

Arncliffe: Cuneo 4, Butler 4, Hall 3, Walsh 3 (Small: 33m), Warner 4, Harrington 4, Hinwood 3, Cockram 3, Muskovits 4, Armstrong 3 (Bankhead: HT), Baker 3.

Monaro: Antropoides 3, Prigmalja 3 (Borwick: 56m), Omaye 3, Cumming 3, Crawford 4, Lawler 3, Sampson 3, Gorwood 4, Giampaoli 4, Valeri 3, Morsello 3.

Goals: 1-0 Walsh 18m, 2-0 Muskovits 65m.

Referee: D. Rennie.



Player-coach John Watkiss (left) is chaired off the ground by his overjoyed Sutherland players following the team's win in the Ampol Cup final. Watkiss, undoubtedly one of the greatest personalities in Sydney soccer, has just started his 21st senior season.



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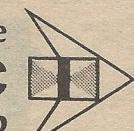
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CLUB PATROL

Avala's PAUL JANCEK has resumed training following his recovery from a successful leg operation two months ago. Coach Steve Lalic has high hopes for him later this season. Congratulations to Paul and his bride on their recent marriage.

KIM MILOVANOVIC is back with Avala after a season with the Lethbridge Park Rangers club. Avala expect big things from him this year.

Toongabbie Demons' club president BILL PARKHOUSE leaves soon for an 18-month holiday to Europe. He will be spending most of his time in the UK which will be his first stopping point, and he will make an official visit to Lancaster Gate, the headquarters of the English FA.

Marrickville Olympic are still trying to get their South American striker OSCAR RAMIREZ back from Argentina. Oscar flew home some weeks ago when he received news that his son had taken ill. Now he wants to return with his whole family and both they and the club are waiting for clearance from the Immigration Department.

APIA held a "meet-the-players" night last Wednesday at their club so that members and fans could mingle with the players who hopefully will try and recapture some of the lost glory of APIA.

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Two players at Toongabbie who celebrated birthdays last week are BOB OLDHAM who turned 28 on the 11th, and PAUL THOMAS who turned 22 on the 16th. Bob especially has been the surprise packet this year at the Demons, playing with great assuredness as centre back.

Marrickville Olympic's GREG BROWN is out of hospital after a serious operation a few weeks ago. Greg is recovering well but won't be fit enough to play for many months yet. As a gesture of goodwill the supporters of the club gave Greg a \$650 gift when he visited the club last week. Club officials are hoping that once he regains some of his strength he will be able to take over the third grade side as a means of keeping in contact with the club and also as a way of gradually getting back to peak fitness.

Inter Monaro's FLAVIO de Paoli is making a great recovery from a dislocated shoulder injury he received a few weeks ago. It is expected that he may make a return to the Monaro reserves this week to see how his shoulder stands up to match play.

Inter Monaro could well be without their first choice goalkeeper, LAURIE PALEC, this weekend. Laurie has received several knocks over the past few weeks, and his injury problems came to a head when he pulled a thigh muscle in the game against Sutherland. His replacement will be 16-year-old NICK ANTONOPOULOS.

Former Bankstown forward JOHN BEATER is expected to be back in the Avala side against Yugal this week after recovering from an injured foot sustained in the Ampol Cup match against Sutherland.

Polonia are making an all-out effort to regain their lost first division status and are brightening up the image of the club. One of the more patriotic moves to be applauded is the naming of the home field as "Chopin Park", after the great Polish composer. This is similar in style to Inter Monaro who play at "Marco Polo Oval". This naming of grounds after national identities led someone to suggest that St. George BSC should re-name Barton Park "Paprika Park"...

Every picture tells a story! Announced details of the State Government INSURANCE scheme for similar cover show the following premiums per annum: Soccer \$7, Rules \$14, Rugby codes \$20!

Yugal have two players on the injured list at present. Striker BILL LUPEVSKI injured his knee, while the Fijian defender NITI NITYA has a bruised hip.

One youngster Auburn are hopeful of developing is DAVID PETERS, an 18-year-old fullback who has impressed coach JOE MARTIN and club officials in the Ampol Cup and in friendlies. Davis is a product of the Auburn third grade.



After almost a year without a club ERIC "TONY" SCHWARZ is back on the scene. Eric signed a one-year contract with his former "playing days" club Yugal. Eric went to Yugal after a successful stay with the great Prague team, and with "Plavi" played in some memorable matches, especially the 4-4 draw with Budapest at the ES Marks Field in 1962. As a coach he will be remembered by many as being the one responsible for creating the present-day Croatia side back in 1976 when he blooded the likes of Ian Stone, Marijan Kovacic and Vladimir Dudaric. Now Yugal are hoping that he can do for them what he did for their traditional rivals, Croatia. Our picture shows Schwarz (No. 7) in his playing days, in 1960, when Prague played Budapest.

NSW Federation president KARL RODNY will go to Queanbeyan for Inter Monaro's first home game, which is against Manly-Warringah. He also told Soccer World that he would welcome a meeting with the five Sydney Philips League clubs to discuss their affiliation with NSW.

RADIO 2UE will shortly announce details of their preview and score service for Sydney's PSL matches.

ALAN GIBSON and STEVE HOSZOWSKI are believed to be taking legal advice as to the strength of their arrangements with the Auburn Club.

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Battle looming in sec. division

— By Charles Spiteri —

Umbro Cup finalists Ku-ring-gai and Revesby Workers will be the main challengers for the second division championship and promotion.

Ku-ring-gai coach Mick Jones said this week: "We certainly are after promotion and with the young talent available in the district we stand a good chance."

Ku-ring-gai beat Revesby Workers 4-2 in the Umbro Cup Final at Francis Park last Sunday.

However, Revesby have strengthened their side considerably this season but have not been able to field a full team so far because of players' commitments to cricket.

There could also be a stronger effort from Polonia this year with their imported players now fully acclimatised.

Gladesville Hornsby, which have struggled to keep their position in second division, may have a better season in 1978.

They have signed Tommy Steen and Bill Reilly which should give them more punch up front and strength in midfield.

However, they got a setback last week when Graham MacKinnon decided to hang up his boots and took a position to coach the APIA third grade instead.



Greg Byles, Revesby

Newcomers Blacktown and University have shown plenty of promise so far in the pre-season Umbro Cup and should do well in the competition.

Former Toongabbie coach Louis Solis has taken up coaching Guildford Wanderers but it is believed he had to start right from scratch which was quite evident in Guildford's early matches.

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Auburn are a little more than disappointed at the decision of their fullback RON CORNETT to leave the club. Ron is on transfer after a dispute with the club and is not even training with the team. Ron was one of the last players left from the 1975 team, and had been with the club almost seven years even though he is still only 23.

WORLD NEWS



THE AMERICAS

Billy Bremner, 34, is all set to join Los Angeles Aztecs in the USA.

At his peak, Bremner won just about every honor with Leeds United and captained the Scotland team.

Another Scot, Eddie McCreadie, the former Chelsea star and manager, is also in the USA.

The race for the Hungarian title has narrowed down to three contenders: Honved, MTK and Ujpest, all from Budapest with another team from the capital, Vassas — the reigning champions — gradually dropping out of the picture.

That amazing Spanish star Pirri is a man of many talents. On top of being an international, he is also studying medicine — and has just opened a TV store where he offers 30% discount to all Real Madrid members.

Cosmos of New Jersey have sold their Peruvian midfielder Ramon Mifflin to the Los Angeles Aztecs.

A huge uproar broke out in Hamburg where new manager, Guenther Netzer had introduced new disciplinary measures. For a start, he decided to retain all the bonuses of the players pending the team finishing in the first six and thus ensuring a run in the UEFA Cup. Players are now consulting their lawyers about the legality of this arbitrary action.

McCreadie has replaced Malcolm Allison as manager of the Memphis Rogues who was sacked for failing to sign any top European players.

They sure shoot from the hip in good ole' USA . . .

On the other hand, in the bewitching field of razzamatazz, there's no business like show business, made in USA.

These all-American beauties, performing before a match of the Tampa Bay Rowdies (lucky, lucky Alston) give you an idea what the Americans call pre-game entertainment.



France have a "new" international prospect in Marc Berdell. Last year, with the West German Saarbrucken, the dangerous French goalgetter was almost entirely out of touch. Now with his current club, Olympique Marseille, he is again freely scoring goals and manager Hidalgo added him to the World Cup squad.

Poland warned

Poland has a ready-made "spy" in Mexico in former Gornik Zabrze goalkeeper Jan Gomola who, when with the Mexican club Athletico Espanol, played under the management of Jose Antonio Roca — the current Mexican national team boss.

Gomola, now 49, warns his countryman Jacek Gmoch, manager of Poland:

"Roca knows his business inside out and is a brilliant strategist who has introduced many European elements in Mexican soccer."

"Poland (who is in the same World Cup group) must beware of this team, which is technically and tactically brilliantly prepared."

Mexico's only weakness, according to Gomola: "They can't play in rain and on wet surfaces."

The injury of Dutch star Johan Neeskens is healing well and he expects to resume playing this week for Barcelona against Aston Villa.

The West German Kaiserslautern will open their rebuilt stadium in August. The capacity was increased from 30,000 to 37,000 — at a cost of \$2.5m.

Schalke have given a new contract to their star international winger Rudiger Abramczik — \$120,000 a year.

Servette of Geneva, which toured China recently, has invited China's national team for a trip to Switzerland.

Bayern Munchen president Wilhelm Neudecker has promised a special bonus of \$12,000 if they finish in the first six and thus gain entry into next year's UEFA Cup.

Stoke City have dismissed their manager George Eastham and have replaced him with Alan Durban, formerly with Shrewsbury. Eastham's demise was caused by their inglorious Cup defeat against the amateurs Blyth Spartans.

for damages.

Last season Cruyff was suspended for three matches and Barcelona claims that this — an "unreasonable act" — cost them the title.

Cruyff's crime was to chip

the referee in his halting Spanish.

Our picture shows Cruyff in happier times, with ex-Holland manager Michael Rinus, displaying the team's 1974 mascot.

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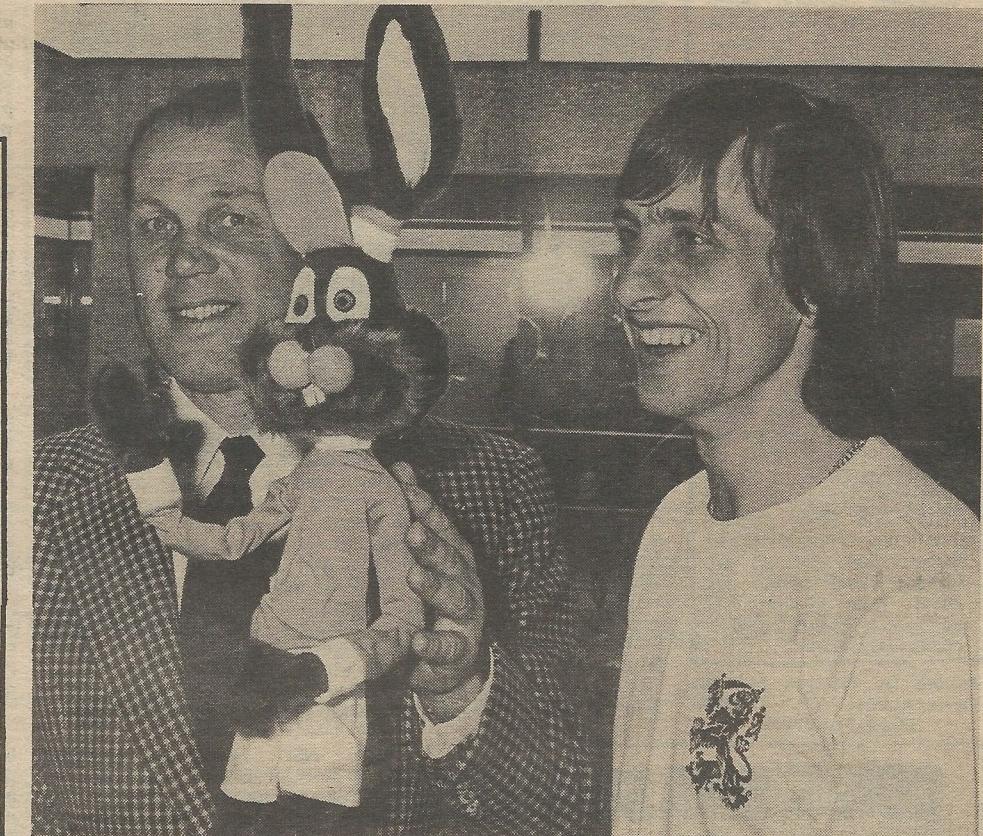
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